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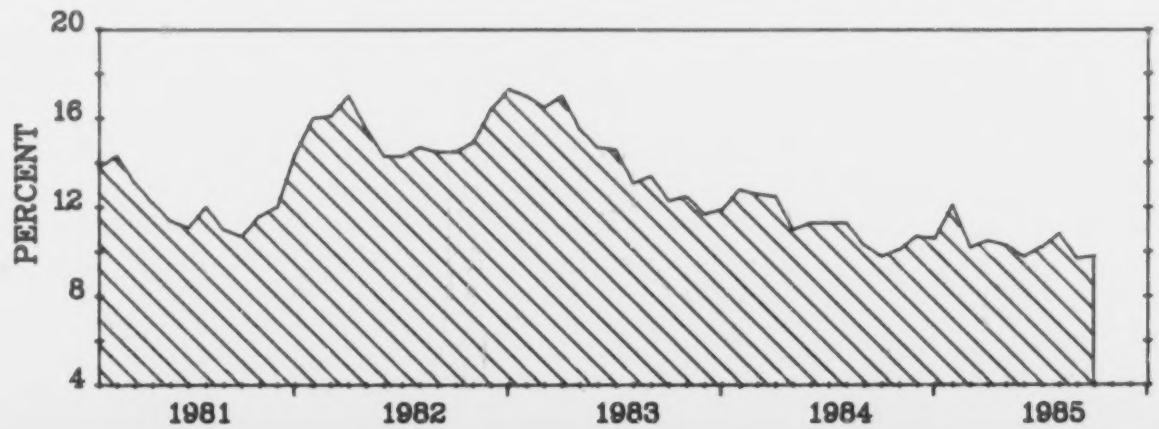
JOBLESS RATE RECORDS MARGINAL INCREASE

Unemployment in Michigan increased slightly as the jobless rate rose from 9.7 percent in August to 9.8 percent in September. The increase in the level of joblessness was primarily the result of seasonal job losses as many of the state's recreational and tourism industries began closing for the season. Approximately, 425,000 workers in the state were unemployed during the month. Total employment in September decreased by 66,000 to fall to 3,920,000, while the statewide civilian labor force dropped by 68,000 to decrease to 4,345,000. When compared to a year ago, employment in Michigan has declined by 12,000, while the size of the labor force has fallen by 17,000. In September 1984, the total number of persons out of work amounted to 429,000, representing an unemployment rate of 9.8 percent.

MICHIGAN JOB OPPORTUNITIES EXPAND

Wage and salary employment in Michigan increased as industry jobs jumped to 3,483,000 in September. Employment opportunities increased by approximately 40,500 from August to September, as increases occurred in both the goods producing and service producing sectors of the economy. Total goods producing employment at 1,083,200, rose by 18,300 as a result of increased activity in the automotive and related industries. Service producing positions climbed by 22,300 to 2,399,800 during the month, as educational institutions increased payrolls to begin the new school year. Since September 1984, industry employment in Michigan has climbed by 92,100 positions or 2.7 percent. Approximately 81,600 service producing jobs have been added throughout the year, while goods producing industries accounted for increases of 10,400.

MICHIGAN UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (1981–1985)



Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment Estimates

State of Michigan

ITEM	SEP 1985	AUG 1985	JUL 1985	SEP 1984
PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
Civilian Labor Force	4345.0	4413.0	4393.0	4362.0
Employment	3920.0	3986.0	3918.0	3932.0
Unemployment	425.0	428.0	476.0	429.0
Rate	9.8	9.7	10.8	9.8
PLACE OF WORK				
Wage and Salary Employment	3483.0	3442.5	3432.0	3390.9
Good Producing Industries	1083.2	1064.9	1056.5	1072.8
Construction and Mining	115.0	115.2	112.0	107.3
Mining	8.7	9.7	9.6	9.7
Construction	106.3	105.5	102.4	97.6
Manufacturing	968.2	949.7	944.5	965.5
Durable Goods	762.4	744.5	740.9	760.7
Lumber and Wood Products	11.7	12.1	11.7	11.9
Furniture and Fixtures	27.4	27.5	27.2	26.2
Metals	167.7	164.3	163.1	168.4
Primary Metals	50.7	50.5	48.7	49.1
Fabricated Metals	117.0	113.8	114.4	119.3
Nonelectrical Machinery	130.5	128.7	128.4	132.7
Electrical Machinery	33.9	33.7	33.1	34.4
Transportation Equipment	354.0	341.0	341.5	350.1
Other Durable Goods	37.2	37.2	35.9	37.0
Nondurable Goods	205.8	205.3	203.6	204.8
Food and Kindred Products	47.0	47.9	47.3	47.5
Textiles and Apparel	20.5	19.8	19.3	20.5
Paper and Allied Products	20.5	20.4	20.5	20.6
Printing and Publishing	36.5	36.5	36.2	36.1
Chemicals and Petroleum	42.4	42.5	42.7	42.2
Other Nondurable Goods	38.9	38.2	37.6	37.9
Service Producing Industries	2399.8	2377.5	2375.5	2318.2
Trans., Comm. and Utilities	140.5	135.3	141.0	138.6
Wholesale Trade	180.1	180.2	181.1	174.2
Retail Trade	608.6	609.6	605.0	578.6
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	160.6	161.3	161.2	154.9
Services	738.1	740.5	739.2	703.7
Government	571.9	550.6	548.0	568.2
Federal	58.4	58.8	58.8	56.7
State	137.5	130.3	130.4	137.2
Local	376.0	361.5	358.9	374.2
Labor Disputes	3.4	6.8	0.5	1.1

* Indicates a labor-management dispute in the industry.

Notes: Data expressed in thousands. Current month data are preliminary.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE data are based on the monthly Current Population Survey of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics — 1984 Benchmark.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT is based on a monthly sample of employing establishments as part of the co-operative federal-state Current Employment Statistics program — March 1984 Benchmark.

CLAIMS ACTIVITY

The number of individuals collecting regular unemployment benefits decreased during the month of September. The regular benefits claims load averaged 88,800 per week during the month, approximately 20,580 less than the August total. In September 1984, the number of claimants drawing benefits under the regular benefit program averaged 95,860.

Additionally, due to the expiration of the Federal Supplemental Compensation (FSC) program on March 31, 1985, all claimants have exhausted their benefit entitlement. The Extended Benefit (EB) program ended on May 21, 1983, thereby disqualifying claimants from collecting benefits under that program.

WEEKLY CLAIMS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Week Ending	Regular Program			Federal Supplemental Compensation		
	Total	Initial	Cont'd	Total	Initial	Cont'd
September 07, 1985	92,900	11,800	81,100	0	0	0
September 14, 1985	91,400	11,900	79,500	0	0	0
September 21, 1985	86,300	12,100	74,200	0	0	0
September 28, 1985	84,600	11,900	72,700	0	0	0

COST OF LIVING CLIMBS UPWARD

The Detroit metropolitan area cost of living rose to 320.5 in September, an increase of eight tenths of a percent. The rise in prices was primarily due to increased housing, fuel and utility costs. Prices in the area climbed by 2.9 percent since September 1984, when the Consumer Price Index stood at 311.6.

At the national level, the cost of living rose by three tenths of a percent to reach 324.5 during the month. The higher national prices were due to additional costs for apparel, medical care and housing. Between September 1984 and September 1985, national consumer prices increased by 3.2 percent. One year ago, the national index registered 314.5.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

The average workweek of Michigan workers in manufacturing industries increased from 42.7 hours in August to 43.5 hours in September. The increase occurred primarily as a result of additional hours worked by individuals in fabricated metal industries.

During the month average hourly earnings climbed upward by twenty-three cents to $12.79, while average weekly earnings increased by $20.05 to total $556.36. In September 1984, earnings averaged $12.22 an hour or $526.68 per week for a 43.1 hour workweek.

MICHIGAN'S HOURS AND EARNINGS

Industry	Average Hourly Earnings a/			Average Weekly Hours a/			Average Weekly Earnings a/		
	Sep 1985	Aug 1985	Sep 1984	Sep 1985	Aug 1985	Sep 1984	Sep 1985	Aug 1985	Sep 1984
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	$12.79	$12.56	$12.22	43.5	42.7	43.1	$556.36	$536.31	$526.68
DURABLE GOODS	13.34	13.09	12.68	43.8	42.9	43.5	584.29	561.56	551.58
Primary Metal Products	12.19	12.06	11.90	42.2	41.4	40.7	514.42	499.28	484.33
Fabricated Metal Products	12.72	12.43	12.02	43.6	41.6	43.3	554.59	517.09	520.47
Nonelectrical Machinery	12.65	12.41	12.20	43.7	43.4	43.8	552.80	538.59	534.36
Electrical Machinery	10.74	10.69	10.54	42.3	41.1	42.2	454.30	439.36	444.79
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	15.00	14.73	14.18	44.9	44.1	44.1	673.50	649.59	625.34
NONDURABLE GOODS	10.55	10.48	10.39	42.1	41.7	41.7	444.15	437.02	433.26
Contract Construction	15.15	15.09	14.48	39.6	38.7	38.6	599.94	583.98	558.93
Department Stores	6.75	6.45	6.17	27.4	28.2	29.3	184.95	181.89	180.78

a/ *Average weekly and hourly earnings are computed from aggregates of individual establishment reports utilizing the total amount paid to production workers and total production hours. Average weekly and hourly earnings differ from weekly and hourly rates in that they are affected by overtime wage rates, part-time earnings, the length of the workweek, etc.*

Note: *Current month data are preliminary.*

Labor Surplus Areas Eligible for Federal Procurement Preference From October 1, 1985 through September 30, 1986

Eligible Labor Surplus Areas	Political Jurisdiction(s) Included
Alcona County	Alcona County
Alger County	Alger County
Allegan County	Allegan County
Alpena County	Alpena County
Antrim County	Antrim County
Arenac County	Arenac County
Baraga County	Baraga County
Barry County	Barry County
Battle Creek City	Battle Creek City in Calhoun County
Bay County	Bay County
Benzie County	Benzie County
Berrien County	Berrien County
Branch County	Branch County
Calhoun County, Balance of	Calhoun County, less Battle Creek City
Cass County	Cass County
Charlevoix County	Charlevoix County
Cheboygan County	Cheboygan County
Chippewa County	Chippewa County
Clare County	Clare County
Clinton Township	Clinton Township in Macomb County
Crawford County	Crawford County
Delta County	Delta County
Detroit City	Detroit City in Wayne County
Dickinson County	Dickinson County
Emmet County	Emmet County
Flint City	Flint City in Genesee County
Genessee County, Balance of	Genesee County less Flint City
Gladwin County	Gladwin County
Gogebic County	Gogebic County
Grand Rapids City	Grand Rapids City in Kent County
Grand Traverse County	Grand Traverse County
Gratiot County	Gratiot County
Hillsdale County	Hillsdale County
Houghton County	Houghton County
Huron County	Huron County
Ionia County	Ionia County
Iosco County	Iosco County
Iron County	Iron County
Jackson County	Jackson County
Kalamazoo City	Kalamazoo City in Kalamazoo County
Kalkaska County	Kalkaska County
Keweenaw County	Keweenaw County
Lake County	Lake County
Lansing City	Lansing City in Ingham and Eaton Counties
Lapeer County	Lapeer County
Leelanau County	Leelanau County
Lenawee County	Lenawee County
Livingston County	Livingston County
Luce County	Luce County
Mackinac County	Mackinac County
Macomb County, Balance of	Macomb County less Clinton Township, Roseville City, St. Clair Shores City, Sterling Heights City, Warren City
Manistee County	Manistee County
Marquette County	Marquette County
Mason County	Mason County
Mecosta County	Mecosta County
Menominee County	Menominee County
Midland County	Midland County
Missaukee County	Missaukee County
Monroe County	Monroe County
Montcalm County	Montcalm County
Montmorency County	Montmorency County
Muskegon County	Muskegon County
Newaygo County	Newaygo County
Oakland County, Balance of	Oakland County less Farmington Hills City Pontiac City, Royal Oak City, Southfield City, Troy City, Waterford Township
Oceana County	Oceana County
Ogemaw County	Ogemaw County
Ontonagon County	Ontonagon County
Osceola County	Osceola County
Oscoda County	Oscoda County
Otsego County	Otsego County
Pontiac City	Pontiac City in Oakland County
Presque Isle County	Presque Isle County
Roscommon County	Roscommon County
Roseville City	Roseville City in Macomb County
Saginaw City	Saginaw City in Saginaw County
Saginaw County, Balance of	Saginaw County less Saginaw City
St. Clair County	St. Clair County
St. Clair Shores City	St. Clair Shores City in Macomb County
St. Joseph County	St. Joseph County
Sanilac County	Sanilac County
Schoolcraft County	Schoolcraft County
Shiawassee County	Shiawassee County
Sterling Heights City	Sterling Heights City in Macomb County
Taylor City	Taylor City in Wayne County
Tuscola County	Tuscola County
Van Buren County	Van Buren County
Warren City	Warren City in Macomb County
Washtenaw County, Balance of	Washtenaw County less Ann Arbor City
Waterford Township	Waterford Township in Oakland County
Wayne County, Balance of	Wayne County less Dearborn City, Detroit City, Livonia City, Redford Township, Taylor City, Westland City
Westland City	Westland City in Wayne County
Wexford County	Wexford County

Source: Michigan Employment Security Commission — Bureau of Research and Statistics

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